

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM

Component: 50.20.353, 40.20.353

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Child Sexual Abuse Treatment (CSAT) Program had been funded competitively since 1988. In 2007, a recommendation by program staff was approved to allow the program to be funded non-competitively based on an evaluation of a similar child abuse treatment program which summarized that projects established and three years later dismantled, disrupted services to child abuse victims who had been receiving uninterrupted services by the project agency. Therefore, in November 2007, a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process established funding for four CSAT Program projects to be funded indefinitely contingent upon satisfactory performance by the projects and the availability of Victim Witness Assistance Funds.

Pursuant to California Penal Code § 13837, the program provides comprehensive treatment services to child victims of sexual abuse and/or sexual exploitation. Services are directed toward child victims under the age of 18 and to appropriate non-offending family members as support to help in the child's recovery.

Treatment services include, but are not limited to: outreach; in-person crisis intervention services; intake; assessment; individual and group counseling; interagency coordination; and follow-up evaluation.

California Penal Code § 13836 et. Seq. mandated the establishment of the 11-member State Advisory Committee (SAC) on Sexual Assault Victim Services to advise the Cal EMA on the development and implementation of the CSAT Program and to approve funding recommendations. The role of Cal EMA is to work in conjunction with the SAC to manage and maintain the program. These activities include establishing policies dealing with the operation and direction of the program, providing staff support to SAC, monitoring the projects and contracts selected for funding, and evaluating the program.

CSAT Program projects reported an increase in clients experiencing trauma as a result of the down fall of the economy as families are losing homes to foreclosures and some become homeless due to loss of employment.

FUNDS AWARDED

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2008/09	State Victim Witness Assistance (VWA) Fund FY 2008	\$ 256,500
FY 2009/10	State Victim Witness Assistance (VWA) Fund FY 2009	\$ 256,500
FY 2010/11		Unknown

2008/09 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

<u>401</u>	In-person crisis intervention services provided to child victims.
<u>193</u>	In-person individual, family, and/or group counseling provided.
<u>454</u>	Follow-up support and referral services provided to child victims.

2009/10 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

2010/11 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available